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2006 Pick-Your-Own Farm Brochure Now Available

Hartford, CT—Juicy strawberries, crisp peas, and flavorful cherries are among the first Pick-Your-Own (PYO) crops available when Connecticut's PYO season kicks off in June. To help you locate a farm offering your favorite crops, the Connecticut Department of Agriculture has made available a free PYO brochure, listing 60 farms throughout the state selling PYO flowers, fruits, vegetables, and pumpkins.

To receive a copy of the brochure, please send a self-addressed, business-sized envelope with 39 cents postage to **The Connecticut Department of Agriculture PYO Brochure, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106**. A PYO listing also is available on the Department of Agriculture's website, <http://www.ct.gov/doag/>.

In addition to the name and address of each farm, the brochure lists specific PYO crops offered, a brief description of the farm and its other products, website address (if available), and phone number. Please remember to call ahead for PYO availability and hours before heading to the farm.

PYO is a great family activity and an excellent way to enjoy the outdoors and experience Connecticut's vital agriculture. It provides an opportunity to select the freshest, highest-quality

products available—usually at lower prices, since the grower saves on labor and transportation—and helps stimulate Connecticut’s local economy and support farms in your own community.

The general timetable below can help you plan your next Connecticut PYO outing:

Strawberries, Peas, Cherries	June
Blueberries, Peaches, Raspberries, Blackberries, Nectarines, Plums	July – August
Tomatoes, Peppers, Other Vegetables	July – Frost
Apples, Pumpkins, Pears	September – October
Christmas Trees	December
Cut Flowers	All Summer

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